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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

STEPHEN M. ALLEN ET. AL. CASE NO.: BB1157USCNT

APPLICATION NO.: NOT YET GROUP ART UNIT: NOT YET

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FOR: A NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING A WHEAT BRITTLE-1 HOMOLOG

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: